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Sir :

In response to the Ex parte Qualye dated July 25, 2006, please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the specification are set forth on page 2; and

Remarks begin on page 3.

If extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 09-0456.